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compression/decompression functions, as well as the quality test application, may be run, for example, by a UNIX-based computer.

On page 51 and ending on page 52, the first full paragraph has been amended as follows:

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The monitors include processors and temporary storage, as indicated by way of example at 626, connected to the monitor M 628 in Figure 5. It will be understood that each of the remaining monitors M includes a similar processor and storage. Each of the monitors in a cluster for an STP is connected to a monitor controller 630. The controller 630 includes a processor and storage and may be provided with a terminal 632. The monitors and processors may be of the type described in U.S. Patent No. 5,475,732, issued December 12 1995, to Eugene M. Pester III, and assigned to the assignee of the instant application. That patent is incorporated by reference wherein in its entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 9 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claims 1, 3 and 9 are set forth in a marked-up version in the pages attached to this Preliminary Amendment.

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1. (Amended) A method of voice communication between two terminals including the steps of:

establishing a voice communication link between said terminals via a first landline public packet switched network;

carrying voice information between said terminals over said link;

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monitoring quality of service of communication in said public packet switched network;

establishing a second voice communication link between said terminals via a second landline packet switched network when said monitored quality of service departs from a predetermined value.

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3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein said establishment of said second voice communication link occurs automatically in response to the monitored quality of service falling below a predetermined threshold.

9. (Amended) A method of voice communication between two terminals including the steps of:

establishing a voice communication link between said terminals via a first packet network;

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communicating by voice between said terminals over said link;

monitoring a parameter of said communication; and

establishing a second voice communication link between said terminals via a second packet network when said monitored parameter departs from a predetermined value;

wherein said terminals are connected to said first and second voice communication links via a switched network and